



The 7th Express

Proudly Moving Alabama's 7th Congressional District Forward
Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell

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The 7th District Is On The Move!

Greetings!

The 7th Express is on the move! This office has helped secure over \$2.1 million in direct benefits to constituents of the 7th Congressional District and received over \$723 million in grants for our community. We hope to keep up this proud tradition! This newsletter is a way to track our progress. You can subscribe to this newsletter by visiting our website. Please forward to others so that they can stay informed. [Click here](#) to visit our website or visit <http://sewell.house.gov/>.

Congresswoman Sewell Awards Congressional Black Caucus Scholarships



On September 1, we awarded Congressional Black Caucus Foundation scholarships to four students at a reception in our Birmingham district office. The recipients were: Ashlin Goodwin of Selma, who is a student at Tuskegee University, \$4,000 scholarship; Eric Baylor of Birmingham, who is a student at the University of Texas, \$3,000; Aundrea Wheeler of Mobile, who is a student at the University of West Alabama, \$2,000; and Calandra Whitted, who is a student at the University of Texas health-Houston, \$1,000.

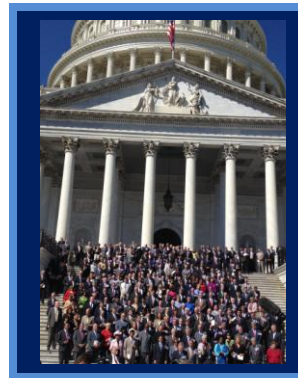
Congresswoman Sewell Honors Tuskegee Airmen in Birmingham



On September 16, we had the distinct pleasure of awarding a Congressional Gold Medal and special proclamation to Ms. Beatrice Price and Mr. Elisha Oliver for their service with the Tuskegee Airmen in World War II.

Statement in Observance of September 11th Anniversary

Eleven years ago, our nation experienced unimaginable loss, sadness and sorrow caused by the heinous terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. Today we come together as a country to pay tribute to the victims, their loved ones and the first responders who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our country. The fight against terrorism is a fight for the values and principles this country was built upon. We must pledge to do everything we can to protect this great nation. [Click here](#) to view my statement.



Farm Bill & Fair Food Press Conference



On September 14, I joined my colleagues Rep. Jim McGovern (MA-03) and Rep. Rosa DeLauro (CT-03) at the Color of Change and Rural Coalition's Farm Bill and Fair Food press conference to discuss the importance of SNAP benefits to so many Americans across the country. The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program is the cornerstone of the nation's nutrition assistance safety net. SNAP touches the lives of over one in seven Americans and is an essential program for low-income individuals who cannot afford to purchase food for themselves or their families.

Constituent Corner

Disability Benefits: A Success Story

In March 2011, a single mother suffering from a heart related illness contacted our Tuscaloosa office concerning social security disability benefits. She had previously filed for disability benefits in 2010 and was denied. She subsequently filed a second time and was denied again. A month after our office opened a case for her, her home was damaged in the April 2011 tornadoes. As a result, our office worked closely with her to develop a new plan of action, secured additional medical documentation and in June 2012, she received a favorable decision to grant her disability. We were able to help her receive retroactive disability benefits in excess of \$16,000 in July 2012 and her regular monthly benefits started for her and her dependents in August 2012.

2012 Job Fair Testimonial

Brandon Todd, Route Salesman Coca-Cola United

"I attended the job fair hosted by Congresswoman Terri Sewell in August. I was eager and optimistic about attending, knowing the unlimited possibilities that were being presented. After making my way in, I visited numerous tables speaking with representatives of the companies that were present and also passed out my resumes. The following Monday, I visited Coca Cola United of Birmingham, one of the employers present at the job fair and applied for a position. A short time later, I was called for an interview and later hired as a Route Salesman for the company. I was so thankful and overjoyed that I was blessed with an opportunity to better myself and my family. I would like to extend my gratitude to Congresswoman Terri Sewell and her awesome staff for putting the Job Fair together, because if it wasn't for them and Gods grace, this opportunity would've passed me by."

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It is an honor to serve the 7th District in Congress.
I'll be back in touch again soon!

Terri A. Sewell
Member of Congress